

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph [0046] with the following rewritten version:

[0046] The center pillar 22 has a minimum width section C defining a minimum front to aft width of the center pillar 22 that is substantially located in a front to aft direction that is near the connection between the front side rail portion 30 and the rear side rail portion 32. Stated differently, the minimum width section C of the center pillar 22 is located such that a majority of the minimum front to aft width section C of the center pillar 22 overlaps with the side rail reinforcement member 34 in the front to aft direction of the vehicle body structure 12. Preferably, the leading edge of the minimum width section C is substantially aligned with the joint formed between the inner side rail part 30a and the main support part 32a. The side rail reinforcement member 34 extends in a front to aft location above the center pillar 22 ~~such that at the such that the~~ side rail reinforcement member 34 is at least partially located in front of and partially rearwardly of the minimum front to aft width section of the center pillar 22.